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Houghton Farmhouse or Crimson Stable
Near Morgan Creek
2nd Quarter 19th Century

East of Morgan Creek, Houghton Farm is a five-bay, two-and-a-half story frame house with four-bay, two-story wing. The house continues to give the impression of a typical second quarter of the 19th century Kent County farmhouse, even though it was covered with shingles in the early 20th century. It is similar to Sunnyside Farm a few miles to the northeast. The fact that some of the second floor windows are not placed symmetrically above the 9/6 sash windows below may be reason to question the evolution of the house. Perhaps it began as a one-and-a-half story building and is earlier than its exterior appearance. Its location may well be on a part of the original Buckingham tract, a 500 acre patent to Simon Wilmer in the late 17th century.

HOUGHTON FARM HOUSE
Chestertown, Maryland
(early 19th, 2nd quarter)

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The old house on the Houghton Farm is a five-bay, 2½ ~~f~~frame building with a 2 story side wing. The main house has a central hall plan and a steep gable roof finished against tapered and beaded verge boards. Six over six sash windows are used on the second story, in the wing, and in the dormers; the first floor of the main house is lit with 9 over 6 sash. Although it is now covered with wooden shingles, the house closely resembles nearby Sunnyside Farm (K-191.)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Houghton Farm House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side Route 291, 1¼ miles east of the
Morgan Creek Bridge

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

XX VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

E. Edward Houghton

Telephone #: 301-778-2235

STREET & NUMBER

Buckingham Farm

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 39

Folio #: 83

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old house on the Houghton Farm is located on the north side of Morgnec Road (Route 291) about 1¼ miles east of the Morgan Creek Bridge. The house is set back from the road facing south. Behind the house are twentieth century barns. The farmstead, barns, and surrounding pasture land are enclosed with wooden post and rail fences, painted black.

The main house is 5 bays wide and one room deep, and it has a central hall plan. The building is covered with a steep gable roof which is finished with beaded and tapered verge boards in the gables and a simple box cornice. Three tall gable dormers with 6 over 6 sash windows protrude from each roof slope. The attic is also lit by two four-light casement windows in the gables.

Six over six sash windows set in narrow frames with an inside bead are used on the second floor. On the first are nine over six sash windows, some in plain replacement frames. The main entry has a four light transom and three-light sidelights.

Rebuilt brick chimneys are enclosed in each gable end. Each has two flues.

The four-bay kitchen wing is attached to the west gable of the main house, continuing the one-room depth. It is two stories tall with a shallow gable roof finished against a verge board and a plain box cornice. Six over six sash windows in narrow frames like those of the main house are used in all windows except modern replacements in the kitchen. There are a pair of entry doors set into the center of the wing. They have Victorian four-panel doors.

Both the main house and wing are covered with wooden shingles, painted barn red; trim and sash are black. The building rests on a field stone foundation. There are a pair of one-bay entry porches on the south facade of both the main house and wing. They have cyma crown molded cornices and square posts and appear to be fairly recent

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES early 19th, 2nd quarter BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building appears to date from the early nineteenth century. Its form and all visible detailing appear to be typical of that date. Doors and the shingle siding and the porches are, however, much later alterations.

This house closely resembles the house on nearby Sunnyside Farm (K-191) a building of about the same period.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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additions.

The surveyor did not visit the interior of this building but it reportedly has wide, random pine flooring.

The house is well maintained and divided into two rental units.

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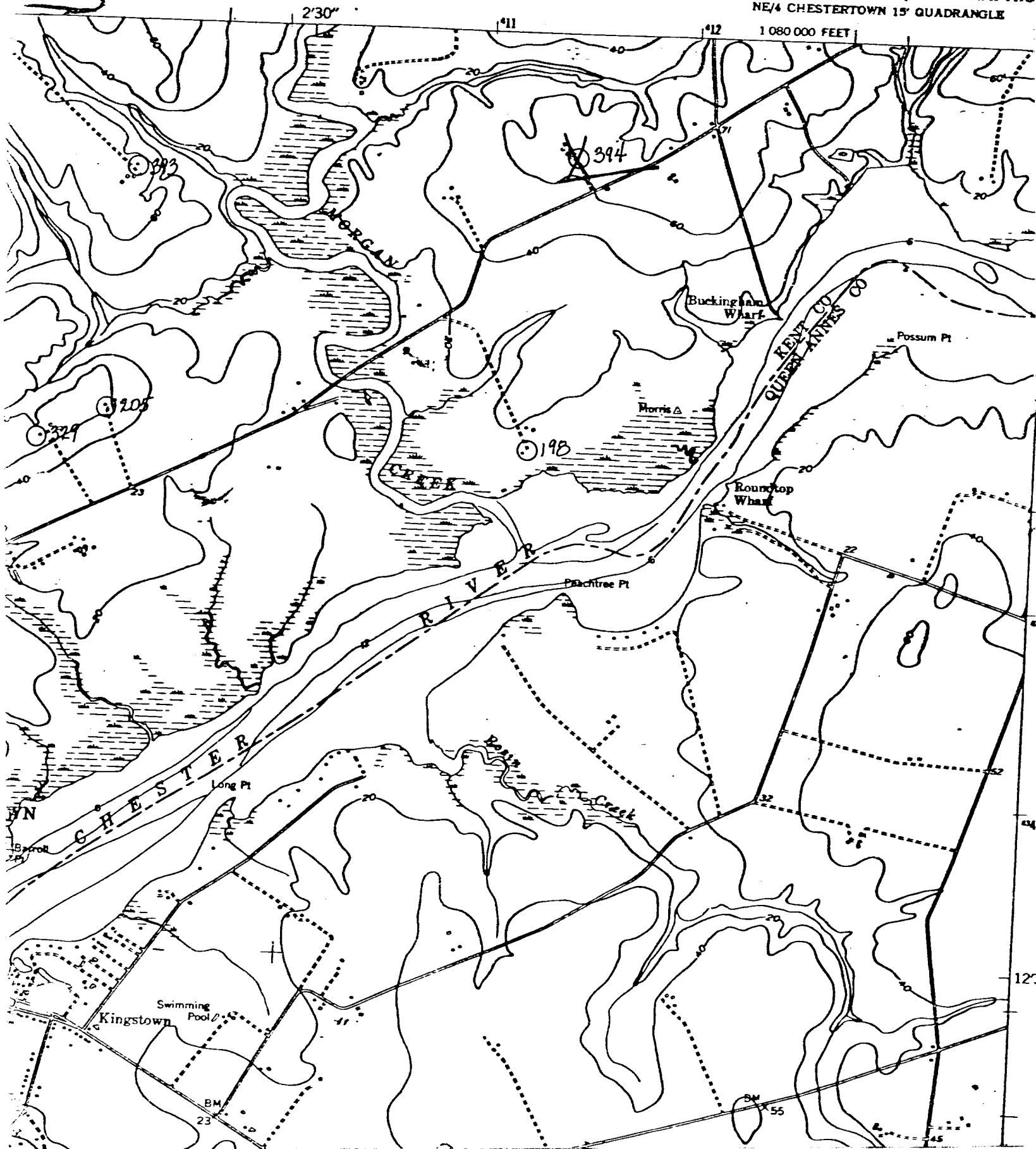
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MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 CHESTERTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE

2'30"

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